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Identical letters dated 10 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of March 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 10 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Land violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 March 2016	0920	At Zabdin Farm inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy bulldozed land planted with olive and oak trees, using two D9 bulldozers and a tracked bulldozer escorted by a hostile patrol comprising a Merkava tank, a personnel carrier and a Defender vehicle. The Israeli enemy finished its work at 1630 hours and the patrol and vehicles left in the direction of the Zabdin post.
	1445	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the Lebanese Army B'ir Shu'ayb observation point, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two vehicles appeared. Five soldiers disembarked and shouted curses at personnel at the observation point. They left in the direction of occupied territory at 1455 hours.
	1755	Opposite Birkat Ba'tha'il — Kafr Shuba, 30 cows crossed the Blue Line from occupied Palestinian territory into Lebanese territory. They left at 1845 hours.
2 March 2016	1100	From inside occupied territory opposite the town of Kafr Killa, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle, a Defender vehicle and a white Rapid vehicle appeared. Eight soldiers disembarked to perform maintenance on border fence cameras, and one of them aimed a 12.7 mm machine gun mounted on the Hummer vehicle in the direction of Lebanese territory. The hostile patrol left in the direction of occupied territory at 1145 hours.
	1500 1600	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy conducted an exercise during which it fired approximately 15 shells at the perimeters of its Fashkul, Zabdin, Ramta and Summaqah posts.
3 March 2016	1100 1700	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy used three bulldozers to bulldoze dirt and trees on the road at its Zabdin 2 post.
5 March 2016	1130	From inside occupied territory opposite the Udaysah checkpoint, at point TP37, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles and an construction vehicle appeared. It performed maintenance on the technical fence and replaced a sensor device. Patrol personnel also aimed a 12.7 mm machine gun in the direction of Lebanese territory. The patrol left in the direction of occupied territory at 1145 hours.
	1320	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal, Israeli enemy patrol personnel threw six smoke bombs into Lebanese territory. At 1340 hours, the hostile personnel moved to point BP31 (Mays al-Jabal) and threw three smoke bombs into Lebanese territory.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
6 March 2016	0930 1000	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy fired light and medium automatic-weapons and threw smoke bombs at the area around the Ruwaysat al-Alam post.
7 March 2016	1425	Opposite Sahl al-Khiyam, while the civilian Ali Sarhan was herding livestock, an Israeli enemy patrol appeared from inside occupied Palestinian territory. One of its personnel fired a military weapon into the air in the direction of Lebanese territory. The patrol then left in the direction of occupied territory.
8 March 2016	0830	Inside occupied territory at the Ruwaysah post opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal, the Israeli enemy installed an approximately two-metre pole on which a surveillance camera had been mounted and pointed it in the direction of Lebanese territory.
	1030	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the town of Kafr Killa, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle, two Defender vehicles and an construction vehicle appeared. Some 10 soldiers disembarked to perform maintenance on cameras mounted on the fence while some of them aimed their weapons in the direction of Lebanese territory. The patrol and vehicles left in the direction of occupied territory at 1055 hours.
	1100	The Israeli enemy used several military and civilian construction vehicles escorted by a hostile patrol to widen the road along the technical fence next to its E452 post south of Amrah in the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim. The Israeli enemy finished its work at 1730 hours.
	1215	While a herd of goats was grazing near Birkat Ba'tha'il south of Kafr Shuba, an Israeli enemy patrol appeared from inside occupied territory and fired military-weapons burst into the air in the direction of Lebanese territory.
	1630	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy sprayed the area around its posts with medium and light weapons.
9 March 2016	1030	Near point B90 opposite Kafr Killa meadow, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle, a Defender vehicle and 10 soldiers appeared. They threw five smoke bombs into Lebanese territory and assumed combat positions, pointing their weapons at Lebanese territory.
	1250	The Israeli enemy used several military and civilian construction vehicles escorted by a hostile patrol to continue the work that it had begun on 8 March 2016 of widening the road along the technical fence next to its E452 post south of Amrah, in the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim. The Israeli enemy finished its work at 1730 hours.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
10 March 2016	0800	Opposite the town of Sardah, an enemy patrol comprising two Defender vehicles, a Hummer vehicle, a bulldozer and eight soldiers appeared. The bulldozer proceeded to widen the road along the technical fence, while members of the patrol aimed their weapons in the direction of Lebanese territory. The patrol left in the direction of occupied territory at 1300 hours.
	1000	The Israeli enemy used several military and civilian construction vehicles escorted by a hostile patrol to continue the work that it had begun on 8 March 2016 of widening the road along the technical fence next to its E452 post south of Amrah, in the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim. The Israeli enemy finished its work at 1750 hours.
	1030	Opposite the town of Ayta al-Sha'b, at the Lebanese Army Hadab post, an Israeli enemy patrol consisting of three vehicles, a Defender vehicle, approximately 26 soldiers and two dogs appeared. Hostile patrol personnel aimed their weapons in the direction of the Lebanese Army post, and one of them threw a smoke bomb that landed in occupied Palestinian territory.
	1200 1405	Opposite the town of Ayta al-Sha'b, at the Rahib Hill post, the Israeli enemy installed a camera on a previously existing metal tower and pointed it in the direction of Lebanese territory.
11 March 2016	0900	Inside the occupied town of Ghajar, opposite the Lebanese Army Wazzani Hill post, an Israeli enemy Humvee vehicle appeared with three soldiers inside. They pointed a camera mounted on a pole inside the vehicle towards Lebanese territory. The vehicle left in the direction of occupied territory at 0805 hours on 13 March 2016.
	1400	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the town of Kafr Killa, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Humvee vehicles and a Defender vehicle appeared. Nine soldiers disembarked to inspect the technical fence. They also aimed their weapons and a 12.7 mm machine gun in the direction of Lebanese territory. They left in the direction of occupied territory at 1415 hours.
13 March 2016	1215	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Labbunah, in the area around point B3, Israeli enemy soldiers aimed their personal weapons in the direction of Lebanese Army soldiers as they were inspecting the area around certain points where observation towers will be installed.
15 March 2016	0150 0240	Opposite Udaysah, near point TP36, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising eight soldiers, a bulldozer and a light vehicle appeared and entered the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim. The bulldozer removed some barriers and brush.
	1140	Opposite the town of Udaysah, at point TP36, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Defender vehicle appeared. Four personnel disembarked and performed maintenance on the technical fence. The patrol left at 1155 hours.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1700 1710	Opposite the town of Udaysah, at point TP36, while seven Lebanese workers were doing some work, an Israeli enemy patrol appeared and the patrol members aimed their weapons towards the workers.
	2250	Opposite Udaysah near point TP36, the Israeli enemy fired two flares from inside occupied Palestinian territory over the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim.
17 March 2016	0000	Opposite the town of Bustan, inside the Birkat Risha post, the Israeli enemy placed an espionage device enclosed in a huge plastic ball on a new metal observation tower.
21 March 2016	0930	Inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Udaysah, at point TP36, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a winch, a crane, a Poclain, a bulldozer, two Hummer vehicles and two trucks appeared and set up 12 cement blocks in a T configuration near the technical fence. During the work, enemy personnel aimed a 12.7 mm machine gun mounted on the Hummer vehicle in the direction of Lebanese territory. The patrol left in the direction of occupied territory at 1705 hours, except for a construction vehicle equipped with cameras that remained at the site and photographed Lebanese territory.
22 March 2016	1440	Inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the town of Rumaysh, near the Israeli enemy's Khallat Budiyah 1 post, a Poclain bulldozer crossed the technical fence and smoothed out the dirt road between points B38 and B39, without violating the Blue Line. The work ended at 1600 hours, and the patrol left in the direction of occupied territory.
23 March 2016	1620	At Bastra Farm on the outskirts of Kafr Shuba, an Israeli enemy foot patrol violated the line of withdrawal, crossing some 30 metres into Lebanese territory, and tried unsuccessfully to abduct the herder Isma'il Zahrah and a herd of goats. The enemy patrol left in the direction of the occupied Shab'a Farms at 1625 hours.
29 March 2016	0945	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Labbunah, Israeli enemy personnel aimed automatic weapons in the direction of a Lebanese Army patrol personnel.
30 March 2016	2220 2245	Several explosions were heard from inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.

Sea violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
3 March 2016	1035	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, proceeding some 520 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 25-minute period. It dragged the fifth buoy south in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1618	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 130 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
5 March 2016	0156	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 300 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1744	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 220 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a four-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
6 March 2016	1728	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 370 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a four-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
9 March 2016	1023	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 150 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 31-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1226	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 130 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1300	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 260 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1617	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 250 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
9 March 2016	1928	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 259 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 20-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
10 March 2016	1840	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 296 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1846	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 370 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a four-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1847 1937	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two periods of three minutes and two minutes, respectively.
	1923	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 352 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1935	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 426 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
17 March 2016	1700	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 259 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
18 March 2016	1623	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 260 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
19 March 2016	0529	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 25 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 23-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
19 March 2016	1718	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 350 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 19-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
20 March 2016	0630	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 140 metres into Lebanese territorial waters, where the crew released two sonic charges into Lebanese territorial waters and used a megaphone to warn off a Lebanese fishing boat. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1730	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 370 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
21 March 2016	1630	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 314 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a four-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
23 March 2016	1151	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 200 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 46-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1304	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 240 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 16-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1358	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 240 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 32-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
24 March 2016	1815	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 296 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
26 March 2016	0410	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of 10 seconds.
	0638	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 204 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	0645	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 241 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0658	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 260 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2050	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters and the Lebanese Army Ra's al-Naqurah post for a period of 10 minutes.
	2058	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 463 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a five-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
27 March 2016	1757	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 240 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
30 March 2016	1741	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), proceeding some 296 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
31 March 2016	0618	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 204 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0625	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 90 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 55-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2320 2340	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two periods of 20 seconds and 40 seconds, respectively.

Air violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 March 2016	0755	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1400 hours over Rumaysh.
	1105	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1245 hours over Rumaysh.
3 March 2016	1210	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1400 hours over Naqurah.
5 March 2016	0915	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1730 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
6 March 2016	1955	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf before leaving at 0100 hours on 7 March 2016 over Rumaysh.
7 March 2016	0925	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Shikka, Batrun, Tripoli and the Jubayl, Kasrawan and Matn districts before leaving at 1550 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 2240 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1850 1915	Israeli enemy warplanes and helicopters violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off the Qasimiyah, Abu al-Aswad, Sarafand and Ras al-Naqurah areas and over Lebanese territorial waters. They released several decoy flares.
8 March 2016	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1210 hours over Rumaysh.
	1045	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1410 hours over Kafr Killa.
10 March 2016	0810	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Jubayl. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1325 hours over Naqurah.
	1015	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1150 hours over Aytarun.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
11 March 2016	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1105 hours over Rumaysh.
	1105	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1330 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1205	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1405 hours over Naqurah.
	1600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1835 hours over Rumaysh.
	2110	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 0255 hours on 12 March 2016 over Rumaysh.
12 March 2016	0910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and the Shuf before leaving at 1500 hours over Rumaysh.
19 March 2016	1320 1340	An Israeli enemy training aircraft circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
21 March 2016	1110	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1730 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1305	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1430 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
22 March 2016	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub, Beirut and its suburbs, Tripoli and Shikka before leaving at 1600 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1025	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub and the South before leaving at 1530 hours over Rumaysh.
28 March 2016	1045	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
29 March 2016	0015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 0615 hours over Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
30 March 2016	0720	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1940 hours over Rumaysh.
31 March 2016	0005	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 0440 hours over Naqurah.
	0940	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1105 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.

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Letter dated 18 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations of 10 May 2016, which was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/70/871-S/2016/434). The aforementioned document represents a clear example of disinformation and yet another attempt to discredit Ukraine as a responsible and reliable actor in the international arena.

Ukraine consistently stands for strengthening the international nuclear non-proliferation regime and pays very close attention to preventive measures to counter growing threats in the area of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear safety and security. Its national progress report to the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit, which was issued as an enclosure to my letter of 21 April 2016 (A/70/840-S/2016/367), contains an overview of the measures regarding the protection of nuclear and other radioactive material implemented at the national level in accordance with our obligations and in partnership with relevant international organizations and other stakeholders. According to the implementation reports regarding the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Ukraine is recognized as a State with a comprehensive safeguards agreement and an additional protocol in force, and as a State in which all nuclear material remains for peaceful activities.

Despite the clear international security guarantees provided in writing in 1994 when Ukraine gave up its nuclear arsenal, the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine were explicitly breached and are still being violated by the Russian Federation. Even in such a daunting security situation, the Ukrainian leadership has unambiguously emphasized its lack of intention to develop a nuclear weapons programme.

At the same time, I cannot help but respond to one specific reference in the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, which mentions the "major source of instability threatening the entire Eurasian continent". This instability was created by the actions of the Russian Federation, which invaded,

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occupied and attempted to annex the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine), and which started, sustained and continues to wage a hybrid war against Ukraine in the Donbass region, including through the supply of heavy weapons, military equipment and regular troops, fighters and mercenaries and the sponsoring and financing of terrorist acts and terrorist organizations on the territory of Ukraine. In fact, the purposeful and persistent policy of the Russian Federation to create zones of instability in Eastern Europe has been a hallmark of Moscow's behaviour over the past 25 years. (One needs to recall, inter alia, the protracted conflicts in Transnistria (Moldova), Abkhazia and South Ossetia (Georgia).) Thus, it is the Moscow regime that undermines international peace and security in Eastern Europe and beyond.

It is worth noting that the Chernobyl disaster, which was also mentioned in the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, had occurred in "a once politically stable and developed State", and Ukraine has had to deal with the consequences of the accident ever since. It is very telling that, in the cases of both the Chernobyl disaster and the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the Moscow line has been strikingly similar: rejections, denials and outright lies in the face of clear and plain facts.

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 97, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Volodymyr **Yelchenko**
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Permanent Representative